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SUBJ: POPPY BAN RESCISSION

REF: A. ANKARA 5066 B. ANKARA 5110

1. JULY 1 HAS COME WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT DECISION HAVING BEEN
REACHED ON RESCISSION OF CURRENT POPPY BAN.

2. OVER WEEKEND LOCAL PRESS FOR FIRST TIME REPORTS SPLIT IN HIGH
GOVERNMENT CIRCLES ON THIS ISSUE. DEMARCHES WITH WHICH DEPART-
MENT FAMILIAR ARE APPARENTLY HAVING SAME EFFECT, ALTHOUGH PUBLIC
EXPLANATION IS THAT SOME MINISTERS FEEL RESCISSION WOULD BE UNWISE
STEP VIS-A-VIS US AT TIME OF GREEK-TURKISH TENSION.

3. ODDS STILL REMAIN STRONGLY AGAINST OUR HEADING OFF POPPY BAN
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ALTOGETHER. AS EMBASSY HAS BEEN RECENTLY REPORTING, HOWEVER,

CHANCES ARE NOT QUITE AS POOR AS THEY ONCE WERE.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, AN ALTERNATIVE WHICH POSSIBLY NOW BEING GIVEN
SERIOUS STUDY IS THE GROWING OF POPPIES ON STATE FARMS ONLY. FROM
A CONTROL POINT OF VIEW, THIS WOULD BE A FAR BETTER RESULT THAN
ALLOWING THE FARMERS THEMSELVES TO GROW. FROM THE US POINT OF
VIEW, HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ALLAY CONGRESSIONAL FEARS
AND IT OBVIOUSLY IS POORER OUTCOME THAN NO GROWING AT ALL. FROM THE
TURK POINT OF VIEW, ITS ADVANTAGE IS THAT IT PROVES THEIR
INDEPENDENCE
WHILE HOPEFULLY BEING ABLE TO PERSUADE REST OF WORLD OF ITS
RESPONSIBLE
CONDUCT. ITS DISADVANTAGE, FROM POINT OF VIEW OF TURK DOMESTIC
POLITICS, IS THAT SUCH A COURSE IS OF LITTLE PRACTICAL ADVANTAGE
TO THE
POPPY FARMERS. THERE IS, THEREFORE, ALSO SAID TO BE A GOVERNMENT
SPLIT ON THIS ISSUE.

5. IN VIEW OF PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING HERE, EMBASSY REQUESTS
DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON REFTELS A AND B.
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